

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #87B-8b Building Date: 1920

Building Name: St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Location: 22200 Aquasco Road, Aquasco

Private/Religious/Occupied/Good/Restricted

Description

The St. Mary's Episcopal Church is on a corner lot, Aquasco and St. Mary's Church Roads. The church is a two story, rectangular gable roof structure of stucco-covered frame with a three story rectangular bell tower with a crenellated cornice on its west gable end. The three bay west (main) facade has entrance in a central gable roof projecting bay, through a pointed-arch door. A triple lancet stained glass window is centered on the facade above the entrance bay. The bell tower at the north west corner of the facade has corner buttresses, a circular window on west, north and south facades at second level and a pointed-arch louvered openings on all four facades at third level. The roof slopes to one story level on the north and south facades, and has a deep overhang. There are three gable roof dormers at second level. On the south bay of each facade is a one-story projecting gable roof, two-by-two-bay transept arm, with vertical panels of half-timber decoration centered in the gable peak. The cemetery surrounds the church. It is fenced, entered through a wrought iron gate. Grave dates range from 1851 through the present. It is shaded by large fir and hardwood trees.

Significance

The St. Mary's Episcopal Church is a handsome example of an English Half-Timber Gothic style building, unique in Prince George's County. The church was built in 1920 on the site of an earlier frame church. The early church was built in 1848. The Rectory, still standing to the east of the present church building, was also built then. Episcopal hierarchy in Maryland was organized in 1692 by act of the colonial Assembly. The southern County area was a part of St. Paul's Parish. The original St. Mary's was a mission of St. Paul's Church in Baden. The present church is again sharing a minister with St. Paul's of Baden, with the Rectory located near St. Paul's. Elements of the English Half-Timber Gothic style included on the building are its gable roof with long north and south slopes, its pointed arch entrance, lancet window, the half-timber decoration in the north, south and east gables, and the crenellated parapet on the bell tower. The church is a contributing structure in the proposed Aquasco Historic District because of its handsome architecture and the history of its congregation.

Acreage: .99 acre

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Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic St. Mary's Episcopal Churchand/or common St. Mary's Episcopal Church

2. Location

street & number 22200 Aquasco Road (Maryland Route 381) ☐ not for publicationcity, town Aquasco ☐ vicinity of congressional district 4state MD county Prince George

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name St. Mary's Episcopal Churchstreet & number 22200 Aquasco Road telephone no.:city, town Aquasco state and zip code MD 20608

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber JBB 7street & number Main Street folio 183city, town Upper Marlboro state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Historic Sites and Districts Plandate July 1981 ☐ federal ☐ state ☒ county ☐ localrepository for survey records History Division M-NCPPCcity, town Riverdale state MD

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☒ unaltered
☐ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The St. Mary's Episcopal Church is located on a corner lot, at the southeast corner of Aquasco and St. Mary's Church Roads. The church is a two story, rectangular gable roof structure of stucco-covered frame. There is a three story rectangular bell tower with a crenellated cornice on the west gable end.

The three bay west (main) facade has entrance in a central gable roof projecting bay, through a pointed-arch door. There is a triple lancet stained glass window centered on the facade above the entrance bay.

The bell tower at the north west corner of the entrance facade has corner buttresses, a circular window on west, north and south facades at second level and large pointed-arch louvered openings on all four facades at third level. The tower is surmounted by a crenellated cornice. The west gable peak is surmounted by a cross.

The roof slopes to one story level on the north and south facades, and has a deep overhang. There are three gable roof dormers at second level on each facade. On the south bay of each facade is a one-story projecting gable roof, two-by-two-bay transept arm, set perpendicular to the main block. Centered in the gable peak of the transept arms are vertical panels of half-timber decoration.

The cemetery surrounds the church on the north, south and east sides. It is neatly fenced and entered through a wrought iron gate. Grave dates range from 1851 through the present. The cemetery is shaded by large old fir and hardwood trees.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) local history

Specific dates 1920

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/orApplicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ GLevel of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The St. Mary's Episcopal Church is a handsome example of an English Half-Timber Gothic style building, unique in Prince George's County. The church was built in 1920 on the site of an earlier church of frame construction.

The earlier church was built in 1848,¹ on land donated to the parish by George and Ellen H. Morton. The Rectory, still standing to the east of the present church building, was also built at the time.²

The Episcopal Church was the established church of England. Episcopal hierarchy in Maryland was organized in 1692 by act of the colonial Assembly.³ The southern County area was a part of St. Paul's Parish. When the original St. Mary's was built in 1848 it was a mission of St. Paul's Church in Baden.⁴ The church at the present time is once again sharing a minister with St. Paul's of Baden, with the Rectory located near St. Paul's.

Elements of the English Half-Timber Gothic style included on the church structure are its gable roof with long north and south slopes, its pointed arch entrance, lancet window, the half-timber decoration in the north, south and east gables, and the crenellated parapet on the bell tower. The church is a contributing structure in the proposed Aquasco Historic District because of its handsome architecture and the history of its congregation.

Notes

¹ Stones and Bones, Cemetery Records of Prince George's County, Maryland, Jean A. Sargent ed., Prince George's County Genealogical Society, Inc., Bowie, Maryland, 1981, pg. 202.

² Land Records of Prince George's County, JBB 7:183, 1985.

³ Stones and Bones, pg. 8.

⁴ Ibid. pg. 202.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See Footnotes, #8

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property .99 acre

Tax map 180, parcel 55

Quadrangle name Benedict, Section A

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A

Zone	Easting			Northing					

B

Zone	Easting			Northing					

C

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Marina King, Architectural Historianorganization Historic Preservation Commissiondate September 1985street & number 14743 Gov. Oden Bowie Drivetelephone 952-3521city or town Upper Marlborostate MD

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON:				
AND/OR HISTORIC: St. Mary's Chapel				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: Rte. 381				
CITY OR TOWN: Aquasco				
STATE: Maryland			COUNTY: Prince George's	
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment		<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum		<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific
		<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: Trustees of St. Paul's (Baden)				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: Baden			STATE: Maryland	
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Prince George's County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: Upper Marlboro			STATE: Maryland	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY: None				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The building is a one story, end gabled structure with a three story tower in the northwest corner. The facade has three lancet windows in the gable end above an entrance porch with central gable and pointed arch doorway. The side-walls have four bays divided by false buttresses; the roof has three dormer windows. There are short, low transept arms with A-roofs.

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B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian ☐ 16th Century ☐ 18th Century ☒ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century ☐ 17th Century ☐ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1920

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | losophy | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | itarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Chapel to St. Paul's, Baden.

Earlier wooden chapels sat on site. One was built in 1830 and a second in 1840. In 1920 the present building was erected.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Christopher Owens, Park Historian	
ORGANIZATION M-NCPPC	DATE 5 Jun 74
STREET AND NUMBER: 8787 Georgia Avenue	
CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring	STATE Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature

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RD W. LEAF
016/267
75.68 A.
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RICH. H. FOWLER
3016-263
8.45 A
P. 70

JOHN E. HAMMOND
3287/41
9.41 A
P. 28

HERMAN GLASCOE, ET AL
A-14584
6.69 A.
P. 32

THELMA M. GLASCOE, ET AL
5511/819
19.51 A
P. 110

RUTH S. MCPHERSON
3420/691
4.57 A.
P. 117

O-S

FANNIE D. ROGERS, ET AL
4142/559
10.12 A.
P. 29

RICKY L. GOAD
5364/704
3.50 A.
P. 97

5350/186
3.28 A. P. 74

DANIEL F. CHAMBERS
4522/232
9.93 A.
P. 115

FRANK RUFF
EQE-10760
1.49 A.
P. 39

C-S-C

WILLIAM C. GOAD
2475/230
9.60 A
P. 33

CHERLYN TAYLOR
4557/442
10.82 A.
P. 92

5247/
597
2.16 A.
P. 93

1.54 A.
P. 27
P. 90

GENE RANSOM
4940/233
4.58 A.
P. 31

2.22 A.
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2.36 A
P. 107

DR. BOWEN ROAD

AQUASCO

COVINGTON P. STANWICK
5580/322
21.25 A.
P. 134

VESTRY OF ST PAUL
ST. MARY'S
CHURCH
P. 55

J. PAUL BRIGHT, III
5416/001
5.00 A.
P. 128

W. C. CHICHESTER
4895/849
7.98 A.
P. 58

DAVID M. BUCKLER
4640/179
12.54 A.
P. 103

GEORGE W. HIGGINS, JR.
4064/11
12.46 A.
P. 104

RICHARD A. GRANZOW
4075/287
12.70 A.
P.

E. B. MORELAND
3544/994
6.31 A
P. 46

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/ 482
1.75 A.
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JOHN J. MORALES
5594/888
7.21 A.
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4277/590
7.00 A.
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MITTIE M. F. SIMMONS
3585/773
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69.22 A.
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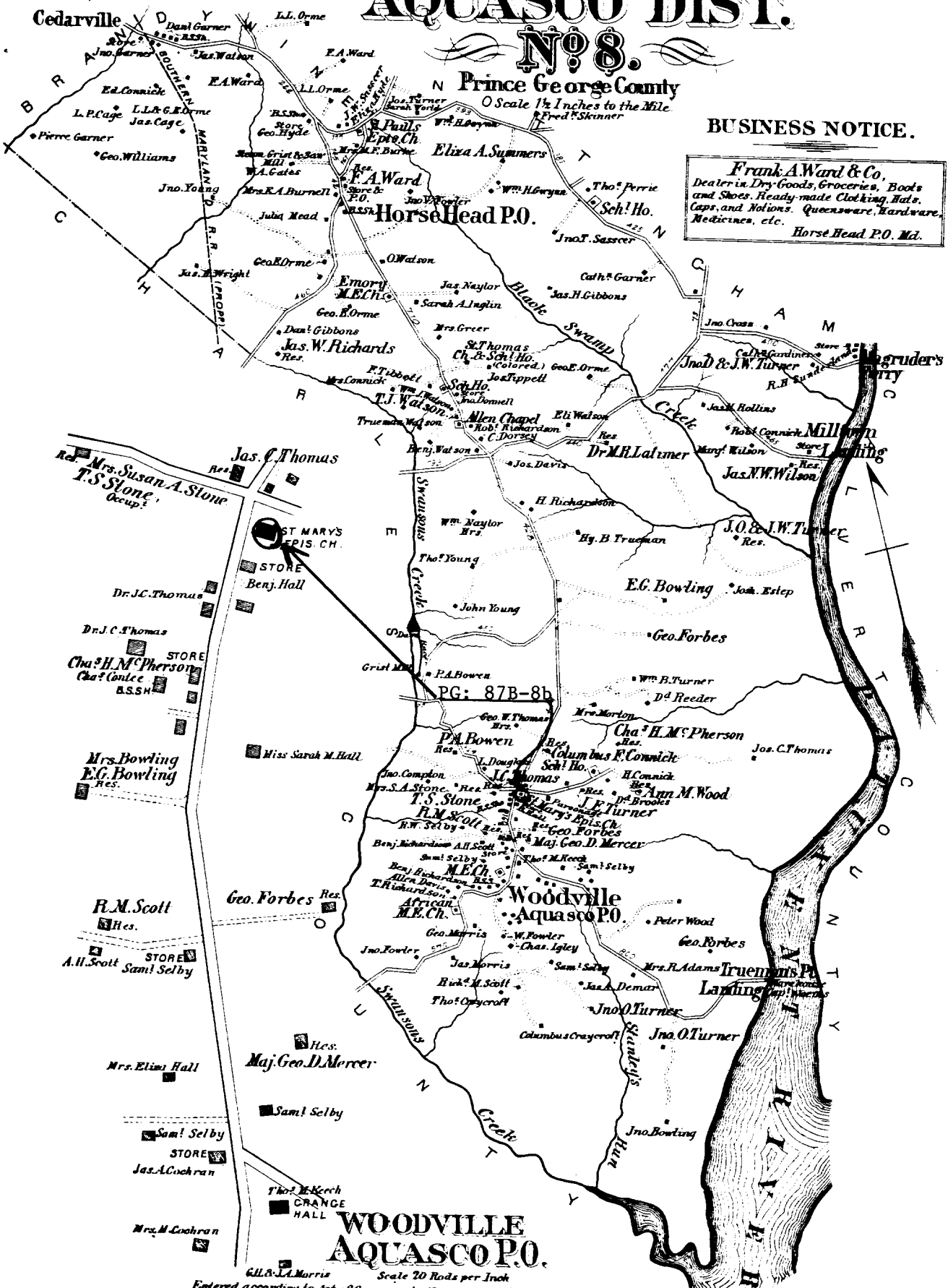
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Prince George County

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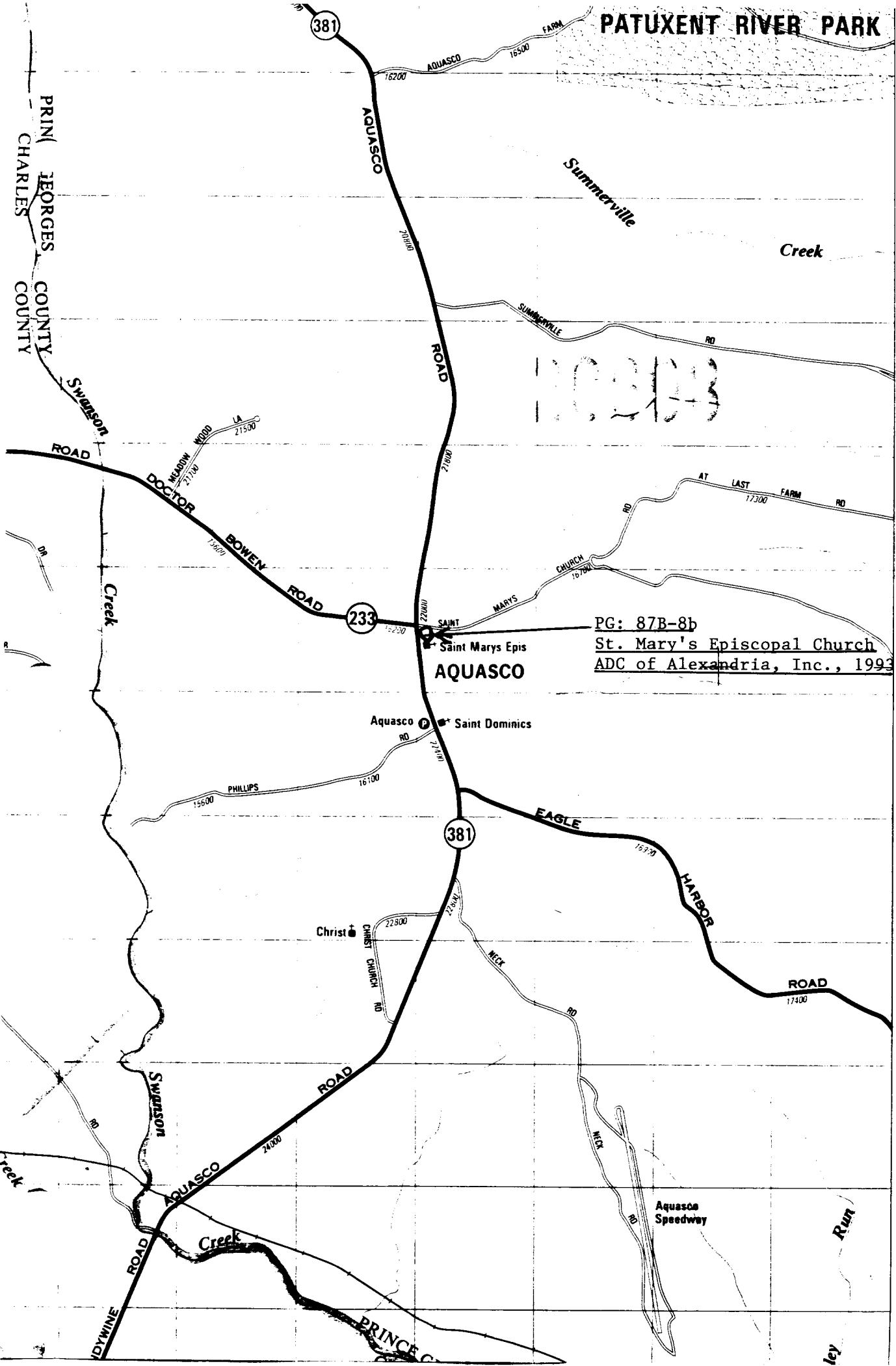
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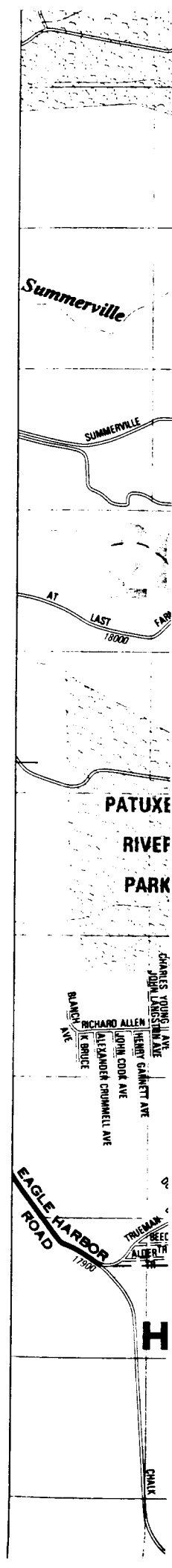


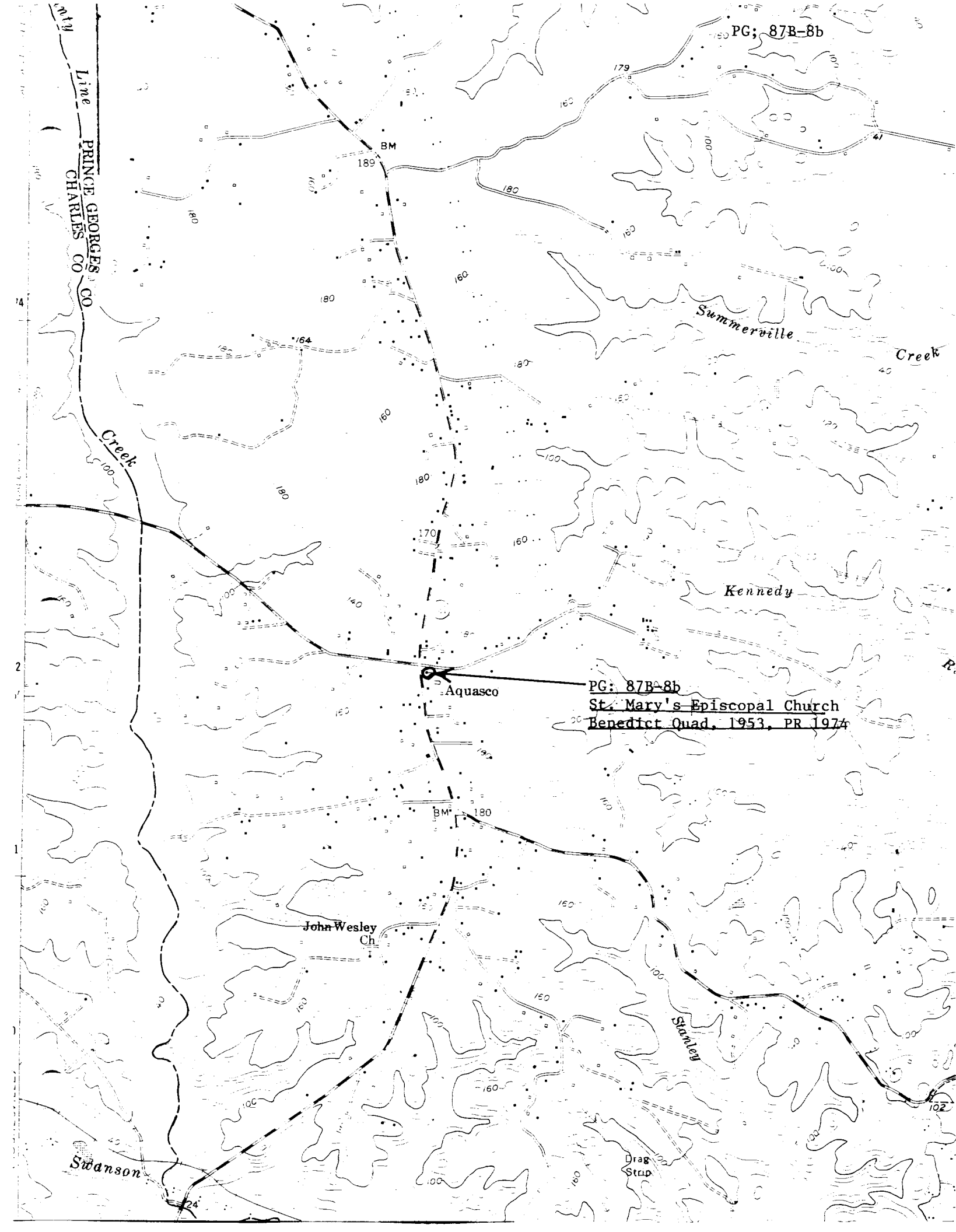
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St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Benedict Quad. 1953, PR 1974

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John Wesley Ch

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Stanley

Swanson

Drag Strip



NAME #87B-8 ST. MARY'S CHAPEL

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